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SUBJECT	: Instrumentation and	NO	: PIC/JB-74/60
	Communications Installation	DATE	: 20 April 1960
LOCATION	: West Shore of Lake Balkhash	LAT	: 45°53'N Approx.
WAC	: 245	LONG	: 73°30'E Approx.

PHOTO DATA:

25X1D

REMARKS:

This brief, which identifies an instrumentation and radio communications installation located at approximately 45°53'N/73°30'E on the western shore of Lake Balkhash, results from a preliminary photographic analysis. The installation consists of a support area, an instrumentation facility, an interferometer-type site, and a rhombic communications station. The support area is fenced and contains 9 barracks-type buildings and 17 miscellaneous buildings. The instrumentation facility consists of a fenced circular pad with three vehicles in the center. Adjacent to the pad is an area containing four small buildings, five vehicles, and several high-frequency rhombic antennas oriented roughly east-west. The interferometer-type site is enclosed by a circular fence and has centered within it a plus figure with at least four domes positioned at the ends of the plus. A cable scar runs from a shed near the center of the plus to a point off the usable portion of the photography. The communications station has at least seven single rhombics for daytime operation. Each of two separate areas containing supporting facilities includes a control building, a generator building, and small supporting facilities. A cable scar leads from the station to a road extending beyond the interferometer-type site.

NOTE: Because of the poor quality of base maps of this area and the scattered cloud cover on the photography, it is emphasized that the geographic positioning of this installation is only approximate at this time.

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